

THE WASHINGTON HERALD FRATERNAL CIRCLES

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Masonic Affairs.

Washington Centennial Lodge will confer the M. M. degree at its special communication Wednesday evening, March 22, at 8 o'clock.

At the conclusion of the degree work, surprises will be sprung on those present, according to the following announcement by Worshipful Master James S. McCarty:

"At the special communication of our lodge to be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, Brother Senior Warden James S. McCarty, of the rank of Master, will deliver an address on the subject of 'The Larger Thoughts of Masonry,' and, in all probability, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, William W. Jennings, will be present. The distinguished brother will have something to say along the same line.

"After the addresses will come a 'stunt,' in which a brother who was the blue, and one who was the gray in the great war of 1860-65 between the States, and Old Glory, will figure most prominently; then will follow a skit on preparedness, and a number of other interesting features.

An enthusiastic attendance of the directors of the Masonic Bowling Association, presided over by President Haas, was held Wednesday night for the purpose of completing arrangements for entering the twenty teams of the Masonic Bowling League in the A. C. B. A. tournament.

A committee consisting of George H. Post, H. J. Saers and E. D. Stocking was appointed to arrange a three-year tournament at the Royal Arms, 123 H street, on March 22, 23, 24, and 25, at night, the proceeds to be used to help defray the entrance fees and other expenses of the tournament. The committee announced that valuable prizes would be given at the three-year tournament on March 21, the first prize probably being as much as \$25 in cash.

The important Grotto event of the past week was the minstrel show and dance at Kallipolis Grotto, Glee Club and the Indian Grand Band of Alexandria, staged at Elks' Hall, Alexandria, Friday evening. Prophet Charles A. Stevens had been drilling the participants for several weeks, and the result was a performance of high order and equal to any previously rendered by the Glee Club.

It required a special train to carry the glee singers and their friends to the Virginia city, where, upon arrival, they were met by Mayor Fisher, who presented them with the 'key to the city.' A parade was formed, headed by the Indian Grand Band, and along the principal streets, brightly illuminated with red fire, the delegation marched to the Elks' Hall.

In addition to the number of medals by the glee club as a whole, the numbers were contributed by Prophets Charles A. Stevens, Past Monarch John H. Shreve, Kirk C. Miller, Otto Woodruff, Joseph Gross, Charles D. Shaw, David Wolf, Charles H. Popene, Edward L. Hutchinson, F. H. Kramer, Wilbur E. Fookes, P. R. Latimer, and H. Shreve. Prof. Julius Kamper directed the band and Jacques Heldenheimer the orchestra.

A business meeting of the Grotto has been called for Monday, April 3, at Chamber of Commerce Hall. The short-form initiation will be conferred upon a number of candidates, and after the meeting there will be a reception at the Grotto and other selections of an entertaining nature.

Congratulations are being tendered a number of the prophets who crossed the burning sands at the recent ceremonial of Almas Temple, Mystic Shrine. Included in the class were Monarch George H. Emmerson, Chief Justice E. C. Goldsmith, Master of Ceremonies A. H. Rogers, Prophets Oscar Baum, Charles Baum, W. H. Landvoigt, H. M. Bodelt, Elmer C. Wood, Fred Ashbaugh, and Adam Ewalt.

Yeds Grotto, No. 35, of Baltimore, held a highly successful ceremonial on March 15. While the one of the recently organized grottoes, Yeds is making good headway and great accomplishments are expected from the Ordo City in the near future.

Doings of the Odd Fellows.

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Monday-Bacon, No. 13, degree; Union, No. 11, degree; Washington, No. 8, business; Golden Rule, No. 2, degree; Amity, No. 2, business; Washington, No. 1, degree; Harmony, No. 9, business; Federal City, No. 25, degree; Columbia, No. 10, degree; No. 13, and Excelsior, No. 17, business; Salem, No. 22, degree; No. 14, degree.

ENCAMPMENTS.
Thursday-Fred D. Stuart, No. 7, degree.
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PATRIARCHS' MEETING.
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Salem Lodge, No. 22.
At the regular meeting of Salem Lodge on Thursday evening the degree will be conferred under direction of Degree Director Past Grand Davison. Since the institution of Friendship Rebekah Lodge, No. 8, which meets in Salem Lodge room, the lodge has held business meetings twice a month, and on the other meeting nights the degree has been conferred.

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